Introduced by Senator Murray

February 12, 2004

An act to amend Section 1655 of the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1235, as introduced, Committee on Transportation. Vehicles: peace officers: powers.

Existing law specifies the personnel within the Department of Motor Vehicles who have peace officer powers for the purpose of enforcing those provisions of law committed to the administration of the department or enforcing the law on premises occupied by the department, including the Deputy Director, Investigations Division.

This bill would correct a reference from Deputy Director, Investigations and Audits Division to Deputy Director, Investigations Division.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 1655 of the Vehicle Code is amended to 2 read:
- 3 1655. (a) The director and deputy director of the department,
- 4 the Deputy Director, Investigations and Audits Division, the
- 5 Chief, Field Investigations Branch, and the investigators of the
- 6 department, including rank-and-file, supervisory, and
- 7 management personnel, shall have the powers of peace officers for
- 8 the purpose of enforcing those provisions of law committed to the

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administration of the department or enforcing the law on premises occupied by the department.

(b) Any person designated in subdivision (a) may inspect any vehicle of a type required to be registered under this code, or any component part thereof, in any garage, repair shop, parking lot, used car lot, automobile dismantler's lot, steel mill, scrap metal processing facility, or other establishment engaged in the business of selling, repairing, or dismantling vehicles, or reducing vehicles or the integral parts thereof to their component materials for the purpose of investigating the title and registration of the vehicle, 10 inspecting wrecked or dismantled vehicles, or locating stolen vehicles.